

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A method for alerting e-mail users comprising:
- if a failed delivery e-mail message is received, setting an indicator in an entry in one of an address book, an address database, and an address cache associated with an address of an addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message;
- displaying said address in conjunction with a perceptive cue in response to said indicator being set;
- wherein, if said indicator is set, said indicator is operable for clearing in response to said address becoming accessible; and
- clearing said indicator in response to subsequently receiving an unsolicited e-mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message.

4-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A computer program product embodied in a non-transitory storage medium, the program product for alerting e-mail users comprising programming instructions for:

if a failed delivery e-mail message is received, setting an indicator in an entry in one of an address book, an address database, and an address cache associated with an address of an addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message;

displaying said address in conjunction with a perceptive cue in response to said indicator being set;

wherein, if said indicator is set, said indicator is operable for clearing in response to said address becoming accessible; and

programming instructions for clearing said indicator in response to subsequently receiving an unsolicited e-mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message.

11-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A data processing system comprising:

circuitry operable for, if a failed delivery message is received, setting an indicator in an entry in one of an address book, an address database, and an address cache associated with an address of an addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message;

circuitry operable for displaying said address in conjunction with a perceptive cue in response to said indicator being set;

wherein, if said indicator is set, said indicator is operable for clearing in response to said address becoming accessible; and

circuitry operable for clearing said indicator in response to subsequently receiving an unsolicited e-mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message.

18-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) The method of claims 3, further comprising clearing said indicator in response to the expiration of a preselected time interval corresponding to a difference between a current time and a time corresponding to the setting of the setting of the indicator.

22. (New) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

 caching an email message corresponding to the failed delivery message;
 and transmitting the email message in response to the clearing said
 indicator in response to subsequently receiving an unsolicited e-
 mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to
 the failed delivery message.

23. (New) The computer program product of claim 10, further comprising
clearing said indicator in response to the expiration of a preselected time interval
corresponding to a difference between a current time and a time corresponding to the
setting of the setting of the indicator.

24. (New) computer program product of claim 10, further comprising:

 caching an email message corresponding to the failed delivery message;
 and transmitting the email message in response to the clearing said
 indicator in response to subsequently receiving an unsolicited e-
 mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to
 the failed delivery message.

25. (New) The data processing system of claims 17, further comprising
clearing said indicator in response to the expiration of a preselected time interval
corresponding to a difference between a current time and a time corresponding to the
setting of the setting of the indicator.

26. (New) The data processing system of claim 17, further comprising:
- caching an email message corresponding to the failed delivery message;
- and transmitting the email message in response to the clearing said indicator in response to subsequently receiving an unsolicited e-mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message.